



Central Presbyterian Church

Book Club

Season IV
2017-2018

June, 2017

Last Sunday of
every second
month from
September to May
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Allan Room

Paul Writes in Philippians 4:8-9 (NET)—. **Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of respect, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if something is excellent or praiseworthy, think about these things. And what you learned and received and heard and saw in me, do these things. And the God of peace will be with you.**

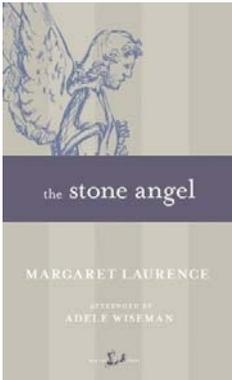
Schedule

The Stone Angel

September 24, 2017

By Margaret Laurence

McClelland & Stewart | Originally published in 1964



The season opens with a Canadian story and author in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. In her best-loved novel, which has become a Canadian Classic, Margaret Laurence introduces Hagar Shipley, one of the most memorable characters in Canadian fiction. Stubborn, querulous, self-reliant – and, at ninety, rapidly losing her memory and with her life nearly behind her – Hagar Shipley makes a bold last step towards freedom and independence returning to the Manitoba farmhouse she grew up in to try and make peace with her dysfunctional family. Available from the HPL in book and eBook formats. Also available for purchase in book, eBook and audio formats.

Date	Facilitator
September 24, 2017	Gudrun Boehm- Johnson
December 3, 2017 *	Gwynneth Simpson
January 28, 2018	Larry and Colleen Kurtz
March 25, 2018	Beth Mac- kay Reilly
May 27, 2018	Shannon Smith

To make this a memorial celebration, we will also review the National Film Board's movie based on this novel starring Ellen Burstyn. This will be our movie/book review for the season. We will meet at 3 p.m. on September 24 to view the movie; enjoy our annual pot-luck supper (perhaps with a Canadian-inspired cuisine) followed by our regular book review at 7 p.m.

Happy birthday, Canada!

SPECIAL NOTES

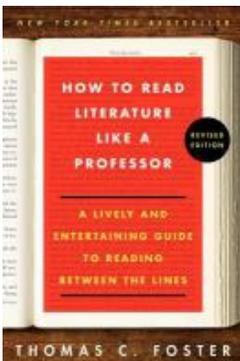
***November date
changed due to
Grey Cup game
held on
November 26 in
Ottawa, Ontario***

How to Read Literature like a Professor

December 3, 2017

By Thomas C. Foster

New York Harper Perennial | 2014



What does it mean when a literary hero travels along a dusty road? When he hands a drink to his companion? When he's drenched in a sudden rain shower? Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices, and form, Thomas C. Foster provides us with a broad overview of literature--a world where a road leads to a quest, a shared meal may signify a communion, and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just a shower--and shows us how to make our reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun. Available from the HPL in book format only. Also available for purchase in book and eBook formats.

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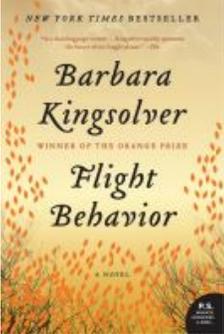


*Flight Behaviour*

January 28, 2018

By **Barbara Kingsolver**

Harper Collins | November 6, 2012



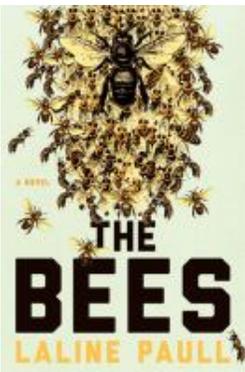
Flight Behavior is a brilliant and suspenseful novel set in present day Appalachia; a breathtaking parable of catastrophe and denial that explores how the complexities we inevitably encounter in life lead us to believe in our particular chosen truths. Kingsolver's riveting story concerns a young wife and mother who is in a perpetual state of 'fight or flight' living on a failing farm in rural Tennessee who experiences something she cannot explain, and how her discovery energizes various competing factions—religious leaders, climate scientists, environmentalists, politicians—trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately opening up her world. Available from the HPL in book and audio-book formats. Also available in book, eBook and audio formats for purchase.

The Bees

March 25, 2018

By **Laline Paull**

New York : Scribner | 2014



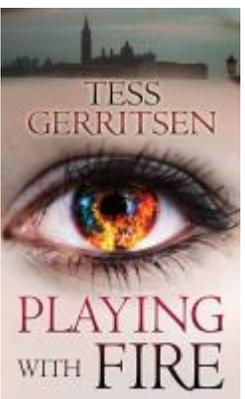
We buzz into a bee hive to explore the communal life of bees. "Accept, Obey, and Serve" is the first commandment of the hive. Laline Paull's debut novel, is a tale of mother courage, conflict and dystopia among social insects. Born into the lowest class of an ancient hierarchical society, Flora 717 is a sanitation worker, only fit to clean her orchard hive. She is taught to accept, obey and serve. When Flora's maternal destiny is made plain, the value of difference and the evolution of racial identity is what her story is all about. Many of the extraordinary facts packed into this fantasy novel are wonderfully realized. It is a fantasy with a sting in its tail and it will compel you to step outdoors and thank every bee for its service to humanity! Available from the HPL in book, eBook and audio formats. Also available for purchase in book, eBook formats.

Playing with Fire

May 27, 2018

By **Tess Gerritsen**

Thorndike, Maine | October 27, 2015



We end the season with Tess Gerritsen's gripping thriller, *Playing With Fire*, named one of the best books of the year by Los Angeles Times and Suspense Magazine. In a shadowy antiques shop in Rome, violinist Julia Ansdell happens upon a curious piece of music—the *Incendio* waltz—and is immediately entranced by its unusual composition. Full of passion, torment, and chilling beauty, and seemingly unknown to the world, the waltz, its mournful minor key, its feverish arpeggios, appear to dance with a strange life of their own. Julia is determined to master the complex work and make its melody heard. Back home in Boston, from the moment Julia's bow moves across the strings, drawing the waltz's fiery notes into the air, something strange is stirred and Julia's world comes under threat. The music has a terrifying and inexplicable effect on her young daughter, who seems violently transformed. Convinced that the hypnotic strains of *Incendio* are weaving a malevolent spell, Julia sets out to discover the man and the meaning behind the score. Her quest beckons Julia to the ancient city of Venice, where she uncovers a dark, decades-old secret involving a dangerously powerful family that will stop at nothing to keep Julia from bringing the truth to light. Available from the HPL in book formats only. Also available for purchase in book, eBook and audio book formats.